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HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company - Gas Sales Agreement, D.T.E. 04-35

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find a redacted version of the responses of The Berkshire Gas Company to the First Set of Information Requests of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy for filing in the above-referenced proceeding. The Company notes that portions of the responses to Information Requests DTE 1-9, DTE 1-10 and DTE 1-11 contain proprietary pricing information. For all the reasons stated in the Motion for Protective Treatment of Confidential Information filed with the Department on March 18, 2003, the Company respectfully requests that the Department grant protected treatment to such materials. The Company has provided non-redacted versions of all responses to the Hearing Officer and the Gas Division.

Please call me if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

BROWN RUDNICK BERLACK ISRAELS LLP

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Enclosure

cc: Michael Killion, Esq., Hearing Officer (w/enc via hand delivery)  
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